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## SECRETARY ELKINS

Sworn in at the War Department and Goes Home

## TO SPEND CHRISTMAS TIMES

With His Family at Elkins, W. Va. He Will Rent a House in Washington--Other West Virginians Who Will Reside in the City This Winter. Mr. Pendleton Busy Writing Letters. Other Capital News.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 24.—It is now E. B. Elkins, secretary of war. Mr. Elkins arrived in the city last night and this morning made a short call on President Harrison, after which he walked over to the war department where the oath of office was administered to him by Chief Clerk Tweeddale. Later he made another call at the executive mansion and as secretary of war paid his respects to President and Mrs. Harrison, and to say good bye, as he was preparing to leave the city on the 3:30 Baltimore & Ohio train to spend Christmas with his family, who are at Elkins, West Virginia. It is understood that Mr. Elkins will not enter actively on the discharge of his new duties until after New Year's day, although he will probably return to Washington before then, returning probably within a few days, and Mrs. Elkins will be with him. The latter will receive with Mrs. Harrison on New Year's day.

**THE FAMILY.**  
Secretary Elkins has not decided upon a house here yet, and it will take a pretty good sized one to meet his family demands. He has a grown daughter, Miss Elkins, the child of his first wife, and there are five young children in his household; besides these a married daughter spends much of her time at home. Mrs. Elkins' sister, Mrs. R. M. G. Brown, has taken a house on N street, and is now comfortably settled there. Miss Grace Davis, her younger sister, with her parents, ex-Senator and Mrs. Davis, are at the Rensselaer, in Baltimore, where they expect to spend the winter, coming over here for the great occasions.

**THEIR CHRISTMAS EVE.**  
In the hall of the house to-day, which was almost bare, there were but two men who seemed to be oblivious of the fact that a vacation had begun. Mr. DeWitt Warner, of New York, and Mr. Pendleton, of West Virginia, alone were bending over their desks writing letters with uninterrupted exertion in the quiet of their surroundings. Mr. Pendleton, during his brief career in the Fifty-first Congress, got a reputation as a nervous, hard worker, who devoted all his time of rest from other work to writing letters. Mr. Warner starts out with the promise of a reputation surpassing that of the West Virginian.

**The Sick Statesman.**  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Representative Wright, of Pennsylvania, who is confined to his residence by an attack of the grip, is reported to be slightly better to-day. Congressman Mills's health continues to improve. Speaker Crisp is better to-day.

**Immigration in November.**  
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 24.—The bureau of statistics reports that 38,015 immigrants arrived in the United States during the month of November, 1891, as compared with 40,043 during November of last year.

## SAVED HER DIAMONDS.

A Woman's Experience With Two Masked Burglars.

TRON, N. Y., Dec. 24.—Two masked burglars entered the residence of William M. Searle, superintendent of a shirt and collar company, on Second avenue, Lansingburg, last evening. At the point of a revolver they compelled the servant girl to disclose the whereabouts of all valuables in the house. Mrs. Searle saw the burglars coming up the stairs. She ran into her room, caught up a box containing several thousand dollars' worth of diamonds, and opening a window, jumped 16 feet to the ground, breaking one of her arms. She aroused the neighbors, but the burglars escaped by the back door, taking with them about \$1,000 worth of booty.

This is the tenth burglary in Lansingburg within three weeks. Three young men have been arrested on suspicion.

## "TIRED OF LIVING."

The Poet Walt Whitman Rapidly Sinking. Can Live but a Few Hours.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 24.—Late to-night Walt Whitman took a decided change for the worse. Shortly after 10 o'clock he was seized with a chill which lasted nearly an hour and left him in a much more enfeebled condition. The doctor says his patient's body is covered with perspiration that presages death and that he has only a few hours to live. He has refused to take medicine and the only substance that has passed his lips to-day is water of which he has taken two glasses. The aged poet is said to be impatient for death to come. He has said frequently during the last few days, "I am tired of living."

## Snow Storm in the West.

ST. PAUL, MINN., Dec. 24.—A Christmas snow storm set in here to-night. At Britton, S. D., it is snowing hard with the wind northwest and the mercury 20 above. Everything indicates a blizzard coming.

Reports from different parts of the northwest indicate that the storm is general.

## The Grip in New York.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—The grip is becoming epidemic. There were twelve deaths recorded to-day, making a total of thirty-six since December 15. Four of the city officials are laid up with it.

## Murdered in Pittsburgh.

PITTSBURGH, PA., Dec. 24.—In a drunken quarrel to-night William Scott was fatally stabbed by William Monroe, alias Tustin. Both men were colored.

## EX-SENATOR HIERFORD DEAD.

A Victim of Pneumonia, One of West Virginia's Most Noted Men Passes Away. Sketch of His Career.

CHARLESTON, W. VA., Dec. 24.—Ex-United States Senator Frank Hierford died yesterday at his home in Monroe. Mr. Hierford had been ill but a short time and died of pneumonia, resulting from an attack of the grip.

Ex-United States Senator Hierford was by nativity a Virginian, born in Fauquier county, July 4, 1825. While his public career in adult years has been conservative, and secured him a publican vote enough to elect him to the United States Senate, yet he furnished something of the spirit of the day we celebrate, and has exhibited a manly independence in all his actions. He graduated from college in 1845, studied law, practiced a brief time, and removed from the historic county and state of his nativity to the slopes of the Pacific, locating in California. Here he was successful in practice and popularity, and was elected district attorney of Sacramento county, filling the position from October, 1859, to October, 1867. Returning east at the expiration of his term, he pitched his permanent tent and home in Union, Monroe county, Virginia. He was soon on the wave of popular preference, and was elected upon the Democratic ticket as representative to the Forty-second Congress from the Third West Virginia district, receiving (including two counties not officially counted, by reason of their returns not having been received) 8,982 votes, against 7,180 for John S. Witches, the Republican candidate. He was re-elected to the succeeding 43d Congress, having as competitor, in August, John Brisben Walker, Republican, and in October, John S. Sprann, Independent, both from the populous county of Kanawha. For the third term he was re-elected, to the 44th Congress, by 15,241 votes, against 7,745 for John S. Witches, the Republican candidate—serving in all from March 4, 1871, to January 31, 1877, when, having been elected by the Legislature at Wheeling as United States senator, in place of Allen Taylor Caperton, deceased, he took his seat in the other wing of the national capitol. He served in the senate with industry, ability and satisfaction to his large constituency, until the expiration of his term, March 3, 1881. Since then, he has been engaged mainly in financial and other similar pursuits at Union. He did not, notwithstanding the more profitable and less exciting pursuits of business life, lose all interest in political contests and campaigns. Without neglecting the former, he found time and inclination to urge forward the claims of Democracy in local and state conventions. In the Presidential contest of 1888, he was an elector from West Virginia, and cast his vote for Grover Cleveland.

**Prof. McKee Dead.**  
BELLEFONTE, PA., Dec. 24.—Prof. James Y. McKee, vice president of the Pennsylvania State College and professor of ancient languages, died at his home on the college grounds this morning of pneumonia.

## FRIGHTFUL ACCIDENT.

One Passenger Train Telescoped by Another—Seven Killed and Many Injured. Names of the Victims.

YONKERS, N. Y., Dec. 24.—A shocking accident occurred to-night at Hastings, on the Hudson River road, between the St. Louis express and the Niagara Falls special trains.

The locomotive of one of the express trains crashed into the rear sleeper of the other train, and several cars, mostly sleepers, were telescoped. Several persons are reported to have been killed and many injured.

The locomotive when it crashed into the rear sleeper of the leading train exploded its boiler. The escaping steam did deadly work on the poor victims who were in the wreck.

The rear Wagner car of the Niagara express was telescoped. All the injured were in that car. Seven persons in all were killed, as follows:

A. M. Knight, conductor on the Wagner car.  
A. M. Baldwin, of New York.  
Thomas W. Tolley, of Boston.  
Four others, not yet identified.

Fatally injured: Dr. L. E. Best, of New York, and H. R. Baldwin. Miss Lillian Baldwin is seriously injured.

## A Serious Wreck.

ATLANTA, GA., Dec. 24.—Vestibule train No. 11, on the East Tennessee railroad going south, ran off the track in a cut near William's Station this morning, and the passengers had a narrow escape from death. As it was seventeen persons were injured, but none badly. The accident was caused by the rails spreading. A train of four coaches was derailed pretty badly smashed up.

## THOUGHT IT DYNAMITE.

A Box That Scared a Family and Several Policemen.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—A tin box, a foot square, frightened about a dozen people in Mrs. Emily C. Watson's house yesterday. It was lying on the refrigerator in the hallway, and how it got there nobody knew.

Mrs. Watson believed that the box contained dynamite, and a policeman was summoned. He picked up the box gingerly and took it to the police station.

"What have you got there?" asked Sergeant Wallace.

"Dynamite, I believe said the officer. The sergeant suggested that the box be placed in the store room. Doorman Ferguson objected to this. He argued that Captain Gunner's room was directly over the store room, and he did not want to be held responsible for any accidents. Sergeant Wallace then took a good look at the box, and then carefully opened one side. The box was found to contain chocolate. It took an hour and ten minutes to make the opening.

While the sergeant was flowing the chocolate that had frightened so many people, a woman dressed in black entered the police station. She said that she was Mrs. Waldo Hutchins, and that the box belonged to her. She returned from Europe a few days ago, and brought the box of chocolate along for her friend, Mrs. Watson. Finding no one to receive her when she called, and being in a hurry, she placed the box on the refrigerator.



## THE BARNABY TRIAL.

The Murdered Woman's Maid Testifies. Dr. Graves on the Stand.

DENVER, CO., Dec. 24.—In the Graves-Barnaby case to-day Miss Sallie Hanley, Mrs. Barnaby's former maid, testified she became acquainted with Dr. Graves about three years ago. Had visited at the Graves house and Dr. Graves had been her physician. Dr. Graves introduced her to Mrs. Barnaby, and through her influence Mrs. Barnaby accepted her as a traveling companion and maid. She had informed Dr. Graves of Mrs. Barnaby's intention of purchasing a house from the guide, Bennett. This was the cause of a threat made from Graves to Mrs. Barnaby of appointing a guardian for the latter.

In cross-examination Mrs. Hanley said he had threatened Mrs. Barnaby with trouble if the latter did not pay her \$75 which was due her, and that if the question of appointing a guardian should come up it would be well to have her on Mrs. Barnaby's side.

Dr. Graves went on the witness stand. He said he had made the acquaintance of Mrs. Barnaby a little over three years ago. Shortly after becoming acquainted with her she had engaged him as her physician. After the death of Mr. Barnaby he had advised Mrs. Barnaby to contest her husband's will, and suggested Lawyer Ballou as the proper person for the case. The lawyer had become Mrs. Barnaby's agent. He said he never advised Mrs. Barnaby to make an affidavit that Maud Barnaby was not her daughter, as was testified by witness Sam Hickley. He denied having told Mrs. Barnaby that her husband had killed \$100,000 to a mistress of his. He also denied having said anything against the Barnabys, as he knew nothing injurious to them. The doctor said Mrs. Barnaby was very extravagant and had spent \$16,000 in one year. As her agent, he objected to this and wished to resign his position, but Mrs. Barnaby would not allow him. He did not know how much Mrs. Barnaby had bequeathed him until the will was read after her death.

## THE MINERS' STRIKE OFF.

The Indiana Contest Comes to a Sudden Termination.

TERRE HAUTE, IND., Dec. 24.—The striking coal miners of Indiana have suffered a defeat. The struggle for increased wages inaugurated nearly two months ago has failed and the men will return to work immediately. This course was decided upon by a delegation convention held in this city to-day. The meeting was called at 10 o'clock by State President Cumiskey, no one of the national officers being present.

The chairman announced that after grave consideration of the situation confronting the strikers, the officers had determined that it would be unwise and disastrous to further prolong the unequal strife, and he asked for an expression from the representatives as to what they thought of the matter.

The delegates from the bituminous district were disposed to quarrel with the movement to return, but those from the block field stated that their men had in various quarters become so dissatisfied with the little aid being extended by the organization that they feared a serious break would occur very shortly if they were not authorized to return to work on masse. This settled the question. If the miners in the block mines were determined to bolt in case the strike was continued, there was no alternative left but to declare it off.

A vote was taken, and it resulted favorably to return to work. A committee was sent to confer with J. Smith Talley and ascertain if the men would be allowed to resume at the old figures, 70 cents per ton in the bituminous and 75 cents in the block. Mr. Talley replied affirmatively, the committee submitted a report to that effect, and the strike was formally declared off. The men will begin work immediately.

## The Telegraphers' Strike.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 24.—Chief Ramsey, of the Brotherhood of Railroad Telegraph Operators of the United States, arrived here to-day. On Saturday next a conference will be held by Ramsey, and the grievance committees from the western divisions of trainmen, operators, conductors, engineers and railway machinists, on the Southern Pacific and other roads will be asked to withdraw objections to railways becoming members of those orders.

## Collision in England.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—Two passenger trains came into collision at Barnaby Junction, near Lowestoft to-day, and were badly damaged. One of the engine drivers, a guard and one passenger were killed and fourteen other passengers were injured.

## Distillery Burned.

NEBRASKA CITY, NEB., Dec. 24.—The Nebraska distillery was destroyed by fire this afternoon. Loss \$100,000; fully insured.

## Fire in Chicago.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—The establishment of the Wolff Manufacturing Company on Carroll avenue, manufacturers of

## HONORABLY ACQUITTED.

The Young Man Charged With Train Wrecking—Alleged Methods of Detectives.

NEW LISBON, O., Dec. 24.—William Canfield, the young man on trial here charged with wrecking the limited express at East Palestine, O., in which several persons were killed, some months ago, was acquitted this afternoon. Canfield was arrested at the instance of private detectives, who claimed he confessed the crime. The young man was placed on the stand yesterday and admitted that he made such a confession, but claimed that the detectives, after filling him with liquor, forced him to say that he turned the switch under threats of killing him. The sentiment was with the boy all through the trial, and the verdict gives general satisfaction.

## CARDIFF AND McAULIFFE.

Their Coming Fight Attracting Much Interest—Cardiff Thought the Best Man.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 24.—The glove contest between Patsy Cardiff, the Peoria giant, and Joe McAuliffe, of San Francisco, which has been arranged by the California Athletic Club for December 29, has attracted considerable attention from the fact that this is McAuliffe's first noteworthy fight since his defeat by Slavin. Cardiff and McAuliffe both have been defeated by Peter Jackson, and though Cardiff was stopped by the latter in ten rounds, while McAuliffe fought Jackson off for twenty-four rounds, it is generally conceded that Cardiff made comparatively a better showing than McAuliffe.

## MUCH SENTENCED MAN.

George Dunnaway Gets Two Life Terms and Two Terms of Eight and Ten Years.

LEBANON, TENN., Dec. 24.—The jury which sat in George Dunnaway's trial returned this morning a verdict of guilty of murder in the first degree with mitigating circumstances. They found him guilty also of rape, and of both charges of shooting with intent to kill. He was accordingly sentenced to two life terms and two terms of eight and ten years in the penitentiary. The murder heard the verdict indifferently.

While the people here are very much disgusted with the verdict, there seems to be no danger of a mob. It is understood that the case will not be carried to the supreme court. One of the prisoner's attorneys remarked before the trial that he did not wish to clear Dunnaway, for he would then be tried for crimes committed in West Virginia, where he would certainly be hanged.

## Ignored the Indictment.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 24.—The grand jury to-day ignored the bill of indictment charging Robert Glendenning and George A. Hulme, trading as Glendenning & Co., bankers and brokers, with aiding and abetting ex-City Treasurer John Bardeley in the embezzlement of \$1,000,000 from the city of Philadelphia. The indictment charged that the money was placed in the hands of Glendenning & Co., by Bardeley to invest in stocks.

## A Crazy Man in Church.

DEBQUE, IOWA, Dec. 24.—William Mackey, an escaped lunatic from Jones county, created great consternation this morning at Cascade in a church, where he gave way to a frightful lot of profanity, which drove out the worshippers. He was arrested after a fierce struggle, in which he laid out ten men.

## Killed His Customer.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—Frank Polednea, a saloon keeper of this city, to-night deliberately shot and killed a customer named Dominick Gibbons, who he alleged had insulted Mrs. Polednea. He then disappeared and the police have not yet found him.

## Bent on Robbery.

HUNTINGDON, PA., Dec. 24.—Last night William Drennan, an old recluse living just outside of town, was bent on insensibility by unknown men and they then robbed him of \$1,000. Drennan will probably die. The police are on the track of his assailants.

## Couldn't Stand Good News.

MR. CARBET, PA., Dec. 24.—Edward Davis, who for years has been applying for a pension for service rendered in the Mexican war, received information to-day that he would get his money. Overcome by the news he fell dead.

## Milliner Accused.

PHILADELPHIA, PA., Dec. 24.—Marietta Heller, trading as Adolph Heller, dry goods and millinery, against whom executions were issued yesterday aggregating \$65,000, made an assignment to-day for the benefit of her creditors.

## PARNELLITES' WIN.

In the Waterford Election—Michael Davitt Snowed Under.

DUBLIN, Dec. 24.—Contrary to the general expectation the election in Waterford City yesterday, to fill the vacancy in the house of commons caused by the death of Mr. Richard Power, passed off without any serious disturbance of the peace. Both the McCarthyites and Parnellites worked hard all day in the interests of their respective candidates, and though there were many words arguments over doubtful voters, yet as a whole the election was remarkably quiet.

The returns of the election show that Mr. John E. Redmond (Parnellite) received 1,725 votes and Mr. Michael Davitt (McCarthyite) 1,229, a majority of 496 votes for the Parnellite candidate.

LATER—Owing to the great excitement that prevailed in the room in which the votes were counted, the first figures announced were inaccurate. An official recount shows that instead of 1,725 votes Mr. Redmond received 1,775, making his majority over Mr. Davitt 546 instead of 496 at first reported.

The announcement of the official figures was followed by a scene of the wildest enthusiasm.

It is customary for the defeated candidate to second the vote of thanks and Mr. Davitt did not fail in this duty. He took occasion to add, however, after seconding Mr. Redmond's motion, that he would rather lose an election than win by combined terrorism and rowdism.

This remark provoked a most uproarious outburst of protest from the Parnellites and for a time it looked as though the official canvass would end in a free fight. Mr. Redmond's supporters were fairly wild with indignation. They yelled and hooted at Mr. Davitt, and some of the more hot-headed shook their fists in his face and threatened him with all sorts of dire punishment.

The uproar continued for several minutes and a general riot was imminent, when the police intervened and by threats of and a free use of physical force succeeded in restoring something like order.

## FRENCH INTERESTS.

To Be Protected By the Newly Formed Society.

PARIS, Dec. 31.—M. Charles Roux, speaking with the Associated Press correspondent concerning the recently formed society for the protection of French interests abroad, said: "Our society is divided into three sections, the first section having as its special care the foreign policy of France, the second looking after our commercial interests, and the third having to do with financial problems. We are naturally deeply interested in all tariff questions, and are entirely opposed to the present tendency of France in its retrograde policy of protection, which we consider neither beneficial to the country nor sound Republican principles."

## MEXICAN NEWS.

Railroad Accident—The People at Pueblo Revolt—Priests Maltreated.

CITY OF MEXICO, Dec. 24.—A collision occurred to-day near Cuernavaca, on the Southern railroad resulting in the death of twelve persons.

The district judge recently issued orders to the police and troops for the closing of four monasteries in Puebla, on the ground that the maintenance of these institutions is contrary to law. Upon the carrying out of the judge's orders to-day the people revolted and a fight between the people on one side and the police and soldiers on the other, followed, during which one person was killed and four others wounded. The accounts of the affair are conflicting. The clergy on the one hand assert that they were torn from the altars, leaving the sacrament exposed, dragged through the streets by the people and subjected to many humiliations. The populace rose en masse and offered considerable resistance to the troops, crying: "Viva la religion, death to the monks."

Twenty-six priests were arrested. Puebla is in a state of intense excitement.

## The Belgio-German Treaty.

BRUSSELS, Dec. 24.—The commercial treaty between Belgium and Germany has received the approval of two sections of the chamber of representatives, while two other sections oppose the treaty. It is expected that the majority will finally reject the treaty.

## Diplomatic Shooting Party.

PARIS, Dec. 24.—Whitlaw Reid, United States minister to this country, will be President Carnot's guest at a shooting party which is to be given to the members of the foreign diplomatic corps at Rambouillet.

## The Day Set.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—It is officially announced that the marriages of Prince Albert Victor, Duke of Clarence, heir of the Prince of Wales, to Princess Victoria Mary, of Teck, will take place on the 27th of February.

## GREAT LONDON FOG.

Business Almost Entirely Suspended in the British Metropolis.

## THE DENSEST FOG FOR YEARS

Comes Just in Time to Spoil the Christmas Trade and Holiday Preparations—Dangerous to Be on the Streets—Many Lives Lost—People Cannot See Before Them and Walk Into the Canals and Rivers—Traffic on the Streets and Railroads Impossible.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—Early on Tuesday last a dense fog settled down over London compelling a suspension of traffic on the river and a great curtailment of the traffic on the streets. There were the usual grumbings and many were the maledictions hurled against the weather. Of course business has been very seriously interfered with and money loss is severe. This morning instead of there being an improvement the state of affairs is worse. It was thought it would be impossible for the fog to be any worse than it was yesterday and the day before, but to-day the weather is so thick that it is absolutely dangerous to attempt to go about the streets. It is impossible to see for more than a few inches in any direction. All traffic is greatly hindered as it is impossible for the drivers of vehicles to see their horses.

The fog is not only prevalent in London, but it extends over wide sections of country. It is without exception the worst visitation of the kind that has come to England in years. The fog could not have come at a worse time for the London shop keepers. They have been building hopes upon their Christmas trade, but the weather is so bad that few people venture into the streets unless they are absolutely compelled to, and the result will be that the shop keepers, instead of reaping profits, have to submit to very heavy losses. The saddest feature is, however, the great loss of life caused by persons losing their way and wandering into the rivers, canals and ponds. Already seven bodies of unfortunate who have fallen into the river and been drowned have been recovered, and the coroners are holding inquests upon them. Several others are missing. The weather was particularly severe upon persons suffering from lung diseases, and a large number of deaths ascribed to pneumonia and other diseases of the lungs were recorded.

A dispatch has been received from Leeds this morning, stating that three men while walking on the paths along the canals lost their way in the fog and fell into water and were drowned. Several persons have been killed on the railways and altogether it is believed that London has never before been visited by a fog that has been so productive of death and disaster.

Over the Thames the fog this afternoon is so thick that the oldest fireman cannot remember when it was equalled. From London to Gravesend it appears to be even heavier than at other places, and none of the boatmen dare venture out. Several persons have been killed on the railways, and altogether, it is believed that London has never before been visited by a fog that has been so productive of death and disaster.

As an illustration of how business is affected by the weather conditions prevailing, the opening of the Stock Exchange was greatly delayed this morning, owing to the density of the fog which filled the rooms. The operations of the railways are greatly hampered by the weather, and extraordinary precautions are taken to guard against accidents. It is impossible for the trains to run on their schedule time, and as a result many business men, clerks and others who living in the suburbs were greatly behind time in reaching their offices. Many of the trains from suburban points did not reach London until two hours after their regular time. The business of the city generally is suffering because of the phenomenal density of the fog, and in some cases it is entirely suspended.

Advices received from points in the eastern part of England show that the fog is prevalent along the whole length of the eastern coast.

On the river Tyne the shipping industry is almost at a standstill, it being deemed too dangerous to send vessels of any description away from their wharves. The trains on the trunk lines in the north of England have been greatly delayed by the fog. The steamers engaged in the channel service are making their trips, but they are greatly retarded.

Quite a number of skating accidents have been reported. The fog, as is well known, causes the ice to become weak very rapidly, and the result has been that many skaters have broken through and been drowned.

The fog is a boon to the gas companies. Everybody who uses gas has been compelled to keep it burning all day, and a large quantity has been and is still being consumed.

## Confidence in Mr. Elkins's Ability.

FIRST WHEELINGITE:—"Beastly Christmas weather, isn't it?"

SECOND WHEELINGITE:—"Yes, beastly. But what can you expect now that the weather bureau is being run by the agricultural department?" While the service was under the control of the secretary of war we had little to complain of.

FIRST WHEELINGITE, (Brilliant idea strikes him):—"That's so. Just think how nice it would be now that our own Elkins is secretary of war. He'd see that we had good Christmas weather in West Virginia, or somebody's head would come off. He'd run the weather bureau on business principles, he would."

## Acquitted of Train Wrecking.

NEW CASTLE, PA., Dec. 24.—Harry Wright, the boy charged with train wrecking, was acquitted this evening.

## Weather Forecast for To-day.

For Western Pennsylvania and Ohio, light showers, variable winds; slight clearing.

For West Virginia, occasional showers, slightly colder; variable winds; clearer on Saturday.

For Maryland and Delaware, light showers; variable winds; clearing on Saturday.

For the District of Columbia, light showers; variable winds; clearing on Saturday.

For the Atlantic States, light showers; variable winds; clearing on Saturday.

For the Gulf States, light showers; variable winds; clearing on Saturday.

For the Southern States, light showers; variable winds; clearing on Saturday.